

## Dates & Events

**NCIA Office Hours**  
7:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30

### November 28-29

NCIA Office Closed

### December 1

Sales Reports Due-Winter  
Small Grains

### December 1

Sales Reports Due-Grass

### December 13

NCIA Board of Directors  
Meeting

### December 23-31

NCIA Office Closed

### January 1, 2020

NCIA Office Closed

### January 13-15, 2020

Nebraska Seed  
Improvement Conference -  
Embassy Suites, Lincoln,  
NE - **Attendance will  
complete your  
Continuing Ed Credits**

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## Why Is NCIA Asking For This Information?

Why do we need the field name on the sample bag? This is not new, we have always needed your field number. Now in the Nebraska Seed Tracking System (NSTS) it uses the name that you gave your field to track the seed from that field.

Why do we ask for the weight of the lot on the sample bag? First the Federal Seed Act requires us to know the amounts of certified seed that is available and to track it until its final disposition. The NSTS requires us to enter a weight before we can create a seed lot in the system. The best part is as you sell the seed with a bulk sale certificate and/or print tags through the NSTS, this is preparing your Disposition Report. So in November you only have very few things to enter to complete the report.

Why do we need your email? The NSTS uses your email to communicate with you when changes have happened with the field or seed. It sends you an email when the seed sample is received and entered into the system. When tests are complete, you will receive an email with your report and invoice attached. So we need to know if your email ever changes.

What happens when you send in a sample for a preliminary test? This preliminary test will receive a certified lot number such as 225-W105-9;3001. This number will be listed on the preliminary seed test document. So when you send in the sample for a complete test, please put that number on the sample bag!

So what does that lot number mean? The first three numbers (225) would be the number given to your organization (similar to your member id in the old system). The next series (W105) is a code given to that specific variety that you are producing. The next is the year (9). The last four (3001) is a progressive number that is generated by the NSTS to track that specific lot of seed.

Hopefully, this will help you understand why we need these numbers and how the NSTS works. Not receiving this information slows the seed testing process down.

## Bulk Sale Certificates & Tags

The bulk sale certificates and tag part of the Nebraska Seed Tracking System (NSTS) has not been completed or finally tested. Growers will be notified by email with instructions on how to create a bulk sale certificate and a bulk transfer (called a Pending Certificate in the NSTS). Until this is completed, please use the old bulk certificates with triplicate pages (these are available from the NCIA office) or you can use the PDF file (that you can complete the information on your computer) located on the Forms page of the NCIA website. If you use the PDF file, make sure to make a copy to send to the NCIA office. **At least once a week, send copies of the completed bulk sale certificates to the NCIA office.** When the NSTS is completed, the office will enter your bulk sales certificates for you. This is very important because entering bulk transfers will complete a majority of your Sales and Disposition Reports.

## Bulk Sale vs Bulk Transfer

The procedures for handling bulk seed is when seed is sold in large container which cannot be sealed. All field and seed standards applying to bulk certified seed. A Nebraska Bulk Sales Certificate must be completed and accompany each sale at the time of purchase. The delivery of bulk seed must be made from the seller's place of business. Due to the typically unprotected state of bulk seed, the buyer of bulk seed must be fully aware that he is responsible for maintaining the purity of that seed after it has been loaded into his vehicle. Bulk seed may not be returned to the seller for resale as certified seed.

A bulk transfer of seed occurs when seed that has not completed certification is transferred from one location to another. This seed is eligible for certification but the member (grower) has not completed the steps necessary to have final certification approved. This seed would be transferred to the new location by means of completing the Certificate of Transfer for Seed Pending Certification. Seed may only be transferred to Approved Conditioners in Nebraska or other states.

## NCIA Certified Seed Books

The 2019-2020 Certified Seed Books are printed and ready for your use. Members who would like us to send them free seed books will only be responsible for the postage.

## 2020 Seed Improvement Conference

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference brings together the memberships of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association and the Nebraska Seed Trade Association. It will be held January 13 - 15, 2020, at The Embassy Suites in Lincoln, NE.

## Seed Sample Bags

The NCIA has **NEW** Seed Sample Bags available for your use. These bag are open on one end for you to put the sample in, then remove the strip covering the adhesive and seal the bag. Using these bags and filling them out will help get your samples entered quickly and correctly. They are provided free of charge. If you need bags, please call the office.

## Certified Seed Bags

Certified Seed bags are available though the NCIA office. They are the same size as the old paper bags, but they are made out of a woven poly laminated material. These bags should not tear as easily and should be more moisture proof than the old bags. We are offering these bags at our cost (\$0.63). Please contact the NCIA office to schedule a pickup at the NCIA warehouse at 3301 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

## Inspected Acres 2019

(does not include Foundation)

Crop	2019	2018	Change
Field Peas	3,621	7,721	-4,100
Grasses - Total	<b>718</b>	<b>646</b>	-72
Cool Season	95	104	
Warm Season	623	542	
Hybrid Corn - Total	<b>9,207</b>	<b>15,281</b>	-6,074
Certified/ OECD	9,207	14,113	
Quality Assurance	0	1,168	
Millet	1,399	1,013	386
Miscellaneous	164	490	-326
Oats	3,726	2,790	936
Phytosanitary	140	2,924	2,784
Soybeans - Total	<b>1,823</b>	<b>2,630</b>	-807
Certified	45	40	
Quality Assurance	40	20	
Roundup Ready	2,545	1,763	
Triticale (winter & spring)	2,914	1,723	1,191
Wheat - Total	<b>20,432</b>	<b>16,860</b>	3,572
Hard Red Winter	18,808	15,542	
Hard White Winter	14,24	1,318	
Hard Red Spring	20	0	
Hard White Spring	180	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>44,072</b>	<b>52,150</b>	<b>-8,078</b>